and totally disastrous; if so, whether Government propose to abolish the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. The guidelines of the Government of India for accountability of scientific institutions and for setting up goals for each of them, are followed by CSIR, ICAR and ICMR.

(b) No, Sir. The present system of rotation of heads of divisions in ICAR institutes is working smoothly. The question of its abolition therefore does not airse.

Setting up of Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories in Assam

†2356. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan and estimates for the Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories proposed to be set up in Assam have been finalised;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) by when construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The estimate for setting up of a Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories proposed to be set up in Assam at a cost of Rs. 415.50 lakhs has been prepared and is under consideration by the Brahmaputra Board.

(c) The construction work is proposed to be started in 1987-88, subject to sanction and the availability of funds.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1636 transferred from the 20th November, 1986.

Geothermal Energy Tapping

$2357. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the potential of tapping geothermal energy in Gujarat; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Geothermal energy has been tapped anywhere else in the country; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of warm water streams near Tulsi-shyam in Gujarat and whether it is a fact that such points have very high potential of exploiting geothermal energy; and

(d) whether Government of Gujarat have requested the Centre to carry out the survey and identify potential locations for tapping geothermal energy; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Only reconnaissance surveys and preliminary investigations have been carried out so far.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. But, from the reconnaitory surveys conducted so far it has not been possible to assess the potential at this stage.

(d) Yes, Sir. The proposal is presently being examined by Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi with regard to feasibility of power generation.

Kimberlite Testing Plant

2358. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Kimberlite testing plant at Racherla, Kurnool

$Previously Unstarred Question 1940, transferred from the 24th November, 1986.

district, Andhra Pradesh by the National Geophysical Research Institute and Geological Survey of India with the cooperation of Mineral Exploration Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the amount sanctioned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suspension of workers in the Horticulture Department, C.P.W.D.

2359. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain workers of Horticulture Department, South Division of C.P.W.D. working in J.N.U. Campus area sometime back were charged for assaulting some of the supervisory staff;

(b) if so, whether the workers were convicted by various courts, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said workers who were dismissed from service had been reinstated and thereafter suspended; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, The Metropolitan Magistrate Delhi convicted the accused workers and sentenced them to R.I. for 5 months under Section 186, R.I. for 3 months under Section 353 and R.I. for 4 months under Section 322 of I.P.C. All the sentences were to run concurrently. On their appeal, the Additional Session's Judge, New Delhi confirmed the conviction and sentences except the one under Section 332 of I.P.C. which was slightly modified to 3 months instead of 4 months as awarded by the Metropolitan Magistrate.

(c) and (d) The workers concerned filed Revision Petition in the High Court, Delhi and Hon'ble Court passed an order suspending the suspenses imposed on the Petitioners during the pendency of the Revision Petition on their furnishing Individual Bonds in the sum of Rs. 3000/- with surety of like amount to the satisfaction of the Trial Court. The C.P.W.D. Mazdoor Union also filed a dispute before the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central). A Memorandum of Settlement was signed with them on 5-9-1986 under Section 12(3) of the I.D. Act, 1947. In view of the provisions of Section 33(2) of the I.D. Act, 1947, the workers have been deemed to be under suspension from the date of their dismissal. Departmental acion has not yet been taken in view of pendency of the Revision Petition before the Delhi High Court.

Allotment of Government accommodation to dependents of retired Government servants

2360. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1120 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1985 and state:

(a) the number of cases where wards of retired Government employees were granted concession of ad-hoc allotment of residential accommodation during the period of ad-hoc employment which were subsequently regularised without any break in service during the last three years;

(b) the number of applications received since November, 1985 from ad-hoc employees (who were subsequently regularised) for allotment of type I and II accommodation in Delhi on retirement of their parents and number of cases which are pending as on 1st November, 1986; and

(c) the reasons for keeping those applications pending so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) One.

(b) Nil.

(c) Does not arise.